



## TESTIMONY

### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Friday, February 17, 2017

#### ***HB 7027, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR***

Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH) appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony on HB 7027, *AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR*.

YNHH, including Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital, strives to provide sensitive, high-quality health care to all our patients, and serves as a primary care center for thousands of New Haven-area residents and a referral center for patients from around the state and country.

With nearly 12,000 employees, Yale New Haven is among the State's largest employers and continues to be the State's largest provider of services to people covered by Medicaid. Reaching into the community, we enhance student learning through a number of hands-on partnerships in our schools; provide support to local non-profits; build homes with our employees through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity; and remain a sponsor of the nursing program at Gateway Community College.

Yale-New Haven Hospital is proud to partner with New Haven Works to help build effective pathways for New Haven residents into local and regional jobs. YNHH worked together with local government, community groups, and other employers to help launch New Haven Works in 2013, and has been an eager supporter ever since. This includes providing regular financial contributions, serving on the Board of Directors, and participating as a Partner Employer.

Because we receive thousands of applications each month, we depend on New Haven Works' effort to make sure that the candidates referred are well positioned for the jobs. With dozens of successful hires under our belt, we are now looking at ways to expand our partnership. This includes improving the referral process, collaborating to better prepare candidates for the interview process, and facilitating connections to our many vendor relationships, many of which

provide good work opportunities for New Haven residents. We look forward to continuing to growing this partnership, and further integrating New Haven Works into our hiring process.

Yale New Haven Hospital is committed to working with New Haven Works to help fulfill our commitment to local hiring, and believe it's an invaluable resource in helping achieve this goal. We urge the State of Connecticut to continue to support this initiative with us, one that is so important to the future vitality of New Haven and its residents.